

## **Armed Defence Forces Combined Simulation – Aeromedical Retrieval Fellowship program**

This 12 month fellowship comprises a 12 month half time appointment at the Sydney Medical Simulation Centre which is completed in parallel with a half-time appointment with the Ambulance Retrieval Service, based with the Ambulance Service of NSW.

The fellowship is specifically designed for doctors in the regular or reservist armed defence forces, who are training in critical care disciplines such as anaesthesia, intensive care or emergency medicine.

The fellowship involves a structured program comprising graded workplace learning, supervised practice and project work.

The aeromedical retrieval medicine fellowship prepares trainees to undertake primary retrieval and interhospital retrieval of acutely unwell (mainly adult) patients via helicopter fixed wing and road transport. Trainees develop skills and experience managing critically sick patients, including trauma and conducting emergency retrievals. The latter includes pre-hospital and stabilisation involving abseiling, winching and extrication from accident sites.

The simulation fellowship prepares trainees to develop training courses and instruct on training courses conducted in a simulated environment. This includes training in human factors, crisis management and teamwork as well as clinically focussed training. The learning audience is multi-professional, mainly derived from critical care disciplines. This includes courses of interest to armed forces personnel.

This dual appointment is beneficial as the experience and knowledge obtained in each, complements the other. In particular, both components of the fellowship aim to develop leadership, decision-making and management skills.

The appointments are administered separately.

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**Please note that the fellowship is not currently funded.**

See also ITIM Trauma Fellowship and GESCHN Paediatric Fellowship, funded fellowships, which can be undertaken in conjunction with an appointment in aeromedical retrieval at NSW Ambulance.